

LEGAL NOTICE

**Towns of Warren, Ware and Hardwick
FY 2016 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application**

Public Hearing Notice

The Warren Board of Selectmen will conduct a public hearing regarding its proposed FY 2016 application to the Massachusetts Community Development Block Grant Program. **The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19, 2016 at 7:15 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room at the Shepard Municipal Building located at 48 High Street, Warren, MA.** Should the meeting be canceled due to inclement weather or for any other reason, the back-up date will be Tuesday, January 26, 2016 at 7:15 PM at the same location. The proposed application outlines programs and services to benefit residents in Warren, Ware and Hardwick.

The grant application will seek funds for housing rehabilitation assistance for qualified homeowners in all three communities as well as for professional engineering design for streets within a defined residential area in Warren; the School Street neighborhood area (includes Quaboag Street, Lombard Street and Moore Avenue). Additional funds will also be sought to support eligible and regional public social services. This may include funding for adult learning services at the Ware Adult Learning Center, a program of The Literacy Project; case management services through The Carson Center, a program of Behavioral Health Network; and funding to support ongoing Domestic Violence services.

The public hearing will offer residents throughout these three communities an opportunity to comment on proposed projects which were identified as priorities in each town's Community Development Strategy. The program also requires funds to be targeted to areas thought to have the greatest need. Towns with populations of less than five thousand persons are allowed a town-wide target area, which is being proposed for Hardwick. Ware's target area is an approximate two square mile area within the town center. Warren's target area is primarily the two village centers of Warren and West Warren.

The Warren Board of Selectmen will be responsible for administration of the application, if awarded. The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission will assist the Town of Warren in association with the Warren Community Development Advisory Committee.

Any person or organization having questions or comments concerning the proposed application will have an opportunity to be heard. Persons who require special accommodations should contact the Warren Selectmen's Office one week prior to the hearing date, (413) 436-5701.

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Warren Board of Selectmen

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